

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

SWT Crop Water Quality & Wildlife

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: SWT Crop Water Quality & Wildlife		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the “EQIP Plan of Operations” result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering “Yes” to the following question. Answering “Yes” to question 1 will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the state priority category.	
1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other state level questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Non CAP questions:	
1. Will 3 or more SWAPA elements be treated through this EQIP contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will all contracted practices be management, vegetative or non-engineering type practices, or if engineering practices are included will the participant supply the engineering design certified by a licensed professional engineer?(This includes producer-selected TSP designs)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the initial contract length be limited to 3 years or less?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will contracted practices assist the producer in complying with AFO/CFO, Tribal or Forest Practices Act laws and regulations, or the Food Quality Protection Act?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Do the practices treat a Tribal resource concern according to the TRA?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Are the practices on land adjacent to Tribal lands, or in a shared watershed? If so, are the practices compatible with activities on the Tribal lands according to the TRA?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Does the applicant have an existing RMS plan for the proposed contract area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Nutrients WQ Questions : WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Excess nutrients in surface and ground water, Eligible Practices, Hold-Down is \$50,000 unless note otherwise: Access Control (472) Agrichemical Handling Facility (309) Brush Management (314) Conservation Cover (327) Conservation Crop Rotation (328) Cover Crop (340) Cover Crop (340) Critical Area Planting (342) Diversion (362) Diversion (362) Drainage Water Management (554) Field Border (386) Filter Strip (393) Filter Strip (393) Hedgerow Planting (422) Herbaceous Weed Control (315) Irrigation System, Sprinkler (442) Mulching (484) Nutrient Management (590) Hold-Down=\$10,000; Riparian Forest Buffer (391) Stormwater Runoff Control (570) Tree & Shrub Establishment (612) Vegetated Treatment Area (635) Waste Transfer (634) Water Well Decommissioning (351)	
1. 1 Does the proposed project address the resource concern Water Quality Degradation - Excess nutrients in surface and ground waters? 183	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. 2 Will you implement a management plan with at least 2 years of management to NRCS planning criteria that treats a WATER QUALITY nutrient resource concern? 30	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

3. 3 Will you implement a vegetative practice that treats a WATER QUALITY nutrient resource concern. 35	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Wildlife Questions: INADEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE- Habitat Degredation, Eligible Practices, Hold-Down is \$50,000 unless note otherwise: Access Control (472) Aquatic Organism Passage (396) Brush Management (314) Channel Bed Stabilization (584) Conservation Cover (327) Cover Crop (340) Critical Area Planting (342) Dike (356) Early Successional Habitat Development and Management (647) Hold-Down=\$25,000 Fence (382) Field Border (386) Filter Strip (393) Structure for Wildlife (649) Hold-Down=\$10,000 Grade Stabilization Structure (410) Grassed Waterway (412) Hedgerow Planting (422) Herbaceous Weed Control (315) Mulching (484) Obstruction Removal (500) Open Channel (582) Pond (378) Restoration and Management of Rare and Declining Habitats (643) Hold-Down=\$25,000;	
1. A. Continued: INADEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE- Habitat Degredation, Eligible Practices, Hold-Down is \$50,000 unless note otherwise: Riparian Forest Buffer (391) Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390) Shallow Water Development and Management (646) Stream Habitat Improvement (395) Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580) Structure for Water Control (587) Tree & Shrub Establishment (612) Tree & Shrub Site Preparation (490) Tree Pruning (660) Hold-Down=\$10,000 Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645) Wetland Enhancement (659) Wetland Restoration (657) Wetland Wildlife Management (644) Windbreak/Shelterbelt Est. (380) Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation (650)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. Does the proposed project treat the resource concern INADEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE - Habitat degradation 100	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will you implement a management plan with at least 2 years of management to NRCS planning criteria that treats a habitat degradation resource concern? 30	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does the proposed project bring all habitat resource concerns up to planning criteria or higher? 35	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will you implement a buffer that treats a Habitat Resource concern.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Pesticides WQ Questions: WATER QUALITY DEGREDDATION - Pesticides transported to surface water. Eligible Practices, Hold-Down is \$50,000 unless note otherwise: Agrichemical Handling Facility (309) Alley Cropping (311) Conservation Cover (327) Diversion (362) Drainage Ditch Cover (775) Drainage Water Management (554) Field Border (386) Filter Strip (393) Integrated Pest Management (595) Irrigation Pipeline (430) Irrigation System, Sprinkler (442) Irrigation Water Management (449) Hold-Down=\$7500 Riparian Forest Buffer (391) Roof Runoff Structure (558) Stormwater Runoff Control (570) Structure for Water Control (587) Vegetated Treatment Area (635) Waste Transfer (634) Water Well Decommissioning (351)	
1. 1 Does the proposed project treat the resource concern WATER QUALITY DEGREDDATION pesticides transported to surface water. 72	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. 2 Will you implement a management plan with at least 2 years of management to NRCS planning criteria that treats a WATER QUALITY pesticides resource concern? 30	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. 3 Will you implement a vegetative practice that treats a WATER QUALITY pesticides resource concern. 35	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: